

AT HOME AND ABROAD

A Review and Interpretation of
Current Events as Seen by
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COAL STRIKE ENDED After two days of parleying the officials of the United States Mine Workers in conference at Indianapolis on Dec. 10 accepted the plan of settlement proposed by President Wilson. It was a foregone conclusion that they would accept. It was no accident that there was only one dissenting vote. The two days' debate was only to put a bold front on a bad situation. It is probable that the miners

after six weeks of idleness were getting hungry. They were also seeing the misery they were causing, not so much among the fairly well to do as among the poorer classes of people who had provided no store of winter fuel. They did not have any longer the public's sympathy without which no strike can be successful. Hence they were ready to accept the President's terms which were: (1) an immediate increase of 14 per cent

on mining prices; (2) the appointment of a commission of three, including representatives of the operators and miners and of the general public to investigate and determine if possible within sixty days upon a new wage arrangement. This committee is to consider both wages and coal prices.

DR. GARFIELD Dr. Harry Garfield RESIGNS resigns as Fuel Administrator and with reason. The suggestion made by the President was practically identical with that proposed by Dr. Garfield, except that Dr. Garfield proposed a board of arbitration that would have been more likely to make an impartial investigation than the one composed as the President suggests. In other words Dr. Garfield proposed to see that the public was protected against further exploitation by coal operators and miners, whereas the President puts the matter in charge of a committee in which the public has only one member. This the President did without consulting Dr. Garfield although the present settlement of the strike is on Dr. Garfield's rate of wage increase. As for us, we do not blame Dr. Garfield for resigning.

REPUBLICAN The Republicans will CONVENTION hold their National Convention to select their candidate for President on June 8, in Chicago. A committee has been authorized to consider party policies and platform, and a further special committee of twelve including four women "to deliberate on matters touching the party welfare and to make recommendations for the consideration of the National Convention itself." John M. Morehead of North Carolina is a member of both committees.

All these things were decided upon at a meeting of the Republican National Committee in Washington Dec. 10. At this meeting much talk was heard about Presidential candidates. The names heard most frequently were General Wood, Governor Lowden of Illinois, Senator Harding of Ohio, Governor Coolidge of Massachusetts and Senator Poindexter of Washington. Senator Hiram Johnson of California was not named, but he has announced his candidacy.

The following extract from the keynote speech of Governor Sproul of Pennsylvania may serve to show the state of mind of the leaders of the Grand Old Party:

"We must prepare not only to clean up the government mess in which we find ourselves, but we must lay our plans for restoring our nation to the position of respect which it once held."

"We must lay our plans to meet the menace to our peace and well being on our Southwestern boundary. No chapter in our entire national history is more disgraceful and humiliating than the story of our relations with Mexico during the past seven years."

There is the same old-fashioned political gush once more. We vainly hoped that it would never be heard again after the war.

THE TREATY President Wilson took Sunday to say that he "has no compromise or concession of any kind in mind, but intends, so far as he is concerned, that the Republican leaders of the Senate shall continue to bear the undivided responsibility for the fate of the treaty and the present condition of the world in consequence of that fate."

This statement of the President came after a day of wrangling over the treaty on the floor of the Senate. For the country is getting impatient and the Senators are being made uncomfortable. These same Senators learned something too from the members of the Republican National Committee that met in Washington last week. They were told that there is much dissatisfaction over the Senate's rejection of the treaty, and that the American people of all parties strongly desire that the United States shall become a member of the League of Nations.

Ex-Governor S. W. McCall of Massachusetts has written a letter to Senator Lenroot, Republican, of Wisconsin, proposing that the Senate abandon its foolish rules, and that the various groups get together and ratify the treaty and "not permit the second Christmas time after the armistice to pass by without securing to the country the full consummation of peace."

In the debate in the Senate on last Saturday it was clearly seen that there is just one man who stands in the way of the groups' getting together. That man is Senator Lodge. Senator Hitchcock, Democratic leader, plead for the appointment of a board of conciliation which might effect a compromise. This offer Senator Lodge laughingly rejected and told Senator Hitchcock that he did not consider that the Democratic Senators controlled their own votes. But the signs are unmistakable that the Senate will act on the treaty soon whether Mr. Lodge yields or no. The Senate continues to debate the question. The pity is that action will probably be deferred until after the holidays.

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